

## Kenya



The beginning of our work with the Bible Stories and the transition to Kenyan leadership



It is amazing to see how God brings people together to do His work. In the late 90's, Bob Calvert and David Crane, missionaries working among the Maasai, decided to use volunteer teams to help them with their work. About the same time, Bob Calvert had an idea of putting 42 stories showing the progressive revelation of God's plan to send a Savior on a Kanga cloth. A Kanga is a rectangular cloth with borders around it approximately 34 x 44 inches, used

as a wrap around the waist and, sometimes, to carry babies on backs.



Bob needed someone to help with his idea and John Shepherd, President of Calvary Road Ministries, took on the assignment. From the beginning in 2004 until now, God has been pleased to bring CRM teams to work together with teams from Kenya to use this

incredible tool to reach over 45,000 Maasai with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Story Cloth was initially very effective in reaching the old men who passed on volumes of information about Maasai history and culture through stories. However, young men also came to Christ through the work of the teams. For almost 10 years now, they have helped in reaching Maasai near population centers and also on Bush Camping Missions in more remote areas.



These younger men have been trained in using the stories in Evangelism and Discipleship and have become proficient in their use. Many of them have become pastors and leaders using this tool in their ministries. The strategy adopted at the very start for using the volunteer teams were to Model the use of the Stories, then Assist Maasai leaders in using them in preparation for turning the work over to them.

Volunteers were taught that they were to **Model, Assist, Watch, and then Leave.**

CRM believes that the leadership among believers in Kenya is ready for the work to be turned over to them. CRM volunteer teams will still be available periodically. We will still send our Construction teams and teams to open new districts in Kenya in teaching teachers how to teach teachers to use the Stories in Schools as needed. We will continue to help with leader development, for which we will use volunteers who are pastors and leaders.



Kenya leaders, Tom Maripet and John Rampei with CRM leaders, David Crane and Alan McAlister

However, beginning in 2018, we will be shifting our evangelism and discipleship focus with the Story Cloths more towards Tanzania, where two-thirds of the Maasai population lives. We hope that we

can form partnerships between CRM, Kenyan and Tanzanian Maasai leadership in this work. Two trips are already scheduled for 2017 where we are doing exactly that. Please pray for us as we make this transition in 2018. Pray that we will be faithful to the One who called us to go and make disciples of the nations. While you are praying, would you be willing to ask God if He wishes you to go or to give so others can go?

